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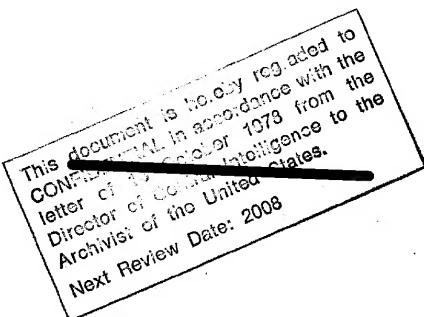
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1. Memorandum III-11371/47, released on 6 March 1947 under the signature of Dr. Damerow (LDP), Saxony-Anhalt Minister for Agricultural and Forest Economy (Land- und Forstwirtschaft, Handel und Versorgung), gave notice to the effect that orders and directives concerning land reform would no longer be issued in Damerow's name, but rather under the signature of the chairman of the Provincial Land Commission, Minister of the Interior Siewert (SED). Any directives or orders signed by Siewert were, however, still to be shown to Damerow for his information. The simple mechanical execution of land reform decisions was to remain, of course, with the Office for Agricultural and Forest Economy.
2. This new procedure was arrived at as the result of a cabinet conference. It constitutes, naturally, one more development broadening the SED's area of control over the Province of Saxony-Anhalt.

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